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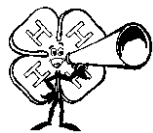
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Prince William 4-H Clover Times

Guiding Youth in Prince William County, City of Manassas & Manassas Park

Dear 4-Hers, 4-H Leaders, 4-H Parents and all those involved with 4-H,

There important Prince William 4-H and county and state budget news I need to share with everyone. The 4-H Agent position in Prince William County is still vacant, but not eliminated. Virginia Cooperative Extension is waiting to fill vacant positions after they know the funding they will receive from the Virginia State Legislature. They will know this by the end of the legislative session on February 28, 2009. We hope the PWC 4-H position will be a top priority with Virginia Cooperative Extension for funding. Prince William County is looking to see the state's direction of funding as well. Many of you have asked if you could write to Virginia Cooperative Extension to ask if the funding of this position could be a priority of the state extension office. You have expressed your concern that without 4-H staffing, our county would be at a great loss for retaining the strong 4-H program and 4-H volunteer management. If you wish to express your sentiments, you should write to Dr. Mark McCann, Virginia Cooperative Extension, 101 Hutcheson Hall (0402), Blacksburg VA. 24061 Dept. 002800. Dr. McCann came reached by email at mmccnn@vt.edu. Please copy Dr. Cathy Sutphin on any e-mails as well cmsutph@vt.edu. She is the state director of 4-H. Please copy Donna Wells, Northern District Extension Director, as well at dowells@vt.edu. And of course, the state legislators always need to hear from you to know where you think funding should go. To find your legislators, go to <http://legis.state.va.us/> and click on "Who's My Legislator".

Linda E. King
4-H Program Chair

Important Meeting Called to discuss future of the Prince William 4-H Program

There is a need to discuss very important matters regarding 4-H in the county on Monday, February 9th 2009, from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Occoquan Room of the James A. McCoart County Administration Building. This meeting is not just for advisory council members. All interested 4-H volunteers/leaders may attend. Please respond to Linda King lking@pwcgov.org if you will attend.

2009 State Capital Day Trip to Richmond

Despite postponement due to our first snow and ice storm of the season, the second attempt to Richmond is a go with 45 passengers and some members meeting us in Richmond. We're looking forward to a safe and educational trip.

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Junior Camp Counselors and CITs recruitment

Junior Camp Counselors and CITs recruitment has begun! We are currently accepting applications for Junior Camp counselors and CITs for 2009 Junior Camp to held July 26-30. We are eager to buildup team of leaders and the first step to begin is to apply. We are also in need of adult male counselors to join us this summer, if you know any adults interested in helping us out, please have him contact the Prince William 4-H office at 703-792-6286. Camper information is soon to follow, camp details are still being confirmed and will be shared with the 4-H membership and former campers.

4-H Share the Fun

2009 Share the Fun to be held at Nokesville Elementary School on Friday, February 13th, this year's theme is "Heart of 4-H, We've got the Beat!". We are looking forward to seeing the talent our membership has to share. Registrations are due by Wednesday, February 4th, so please let us know if you want to participate and have an act in the show! Rehearsal will be on Thursday, February 12 to be sure all acts will be prepped for the final performance the next evening. If you need access to a piano or assistance with props, please let us know so we can make the proper arrangements.

Prince William 4-H Fashion Revue scheduled for March 21st

The 2009 Prince William County Fashion Revue is scheduled to be held on Saturday, March 21st. We will be returning to the Cobblestone Manor in Manassas as this has become an event the seniors look forward to each year. The show will begin at 12:30pm and end at 3:00pm. Fashion Revue is open to all members including cloverbuds. The outfits can be either constructed or "assembled". There is an informational packet available for download at www.pwc4h.org with the required paperwork - comparison shopping, commentary and clothing record. Please plan on participating both here at the county level and at Districts on April 18th. This is also considered community service time due to all the interaction with the seniors at the center. Please contact the Prince William 4-H office if any club would like training for this event.

Tree Seedlings have been ordered

The tree seedling orders have been placed and should arrive when we requested for future tree planting projects. We had a lot of interest in the program from PWC schools and several clubs and will be looking forward to learning about the efforts made by these groups to replenish forests and greening our county schools. We will notifying schools and clubs once the seedlings are delivered and ready for pick up.

Presentation Day is April 3rd

Just in time to prepare for the Northern District Contest, we will be hosting our county level Presentation Day on Friday, April 3rd at Bennett Elementary School beginning at 6pm. This is a great opportunity to get your presentation reviewed and receive feedback on the how to make any improvements prior to the contest. We will be recruiting judges and judges assistants for this event, so please contact us if you are available this evening.

Northern District Contest

The 2009 Northern District Contest information and scheduled has just been released. The contest will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 at Cedar Lee Middle School located at 11138 Marsh Road in Bealeton, VA 22712, in Fauquier County. Check in will begin at 8:30am. Contests available to participate will include presentations, public speaking, Horse Bowl, Share-the-Fun, Fashion Revue, Lego League. There are three levels of participation in the junior, intermediate, and senior categories. We will also need adult room chairs for the contests and adult or teen judges. Registration has begun and will need to be received by the Prince William 4-H office prior to the deadline of Saturday, April 4th.

Nokesville 4-H Horse Club placed at the Gloucester County Hippology Contest

We had a great experience at the Gloucester Hippology and Horse Bowl contest. Our Jr. teams placed 1st (Anya, Libby and Jessie) and 2nd (Marie, Haley and Ivy) in Team Questions and Libby won 4th individual overall for Juniors. Paige scrambled with another club to form a team and her team won 2nd place in Team Questions! All scored really well on their tests and especially on the horse judging section. Way to go Nokesville 4-H!! Upcoming Hippology events will include the Fauquier County Hippology contest and statewide Hippology Contest at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA.